

CT-735  
JOHN R. LANKFORD HOUSE  
(c. 1900)  
Solomons Island  
Private

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-735

Magi No.

DOE ☐yes ☐no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Vail House, John R. Lankford House

and/or common Holiday Manor

## 2. Location

street & number Solomons Island Road South (Maryland Route 2) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Solomons ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William W. Goodwin

street &amp; number 4922 Temple Hills Road telephone no.:

city, town Temple Hills state and zip code Maryland 20031

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number Main Street (Maryland Route 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This extraordinary house faces west onto Solomons Island Road. It is a late-nineteenth-century two-story framed Queen Anne house, the most architecturally pretentious house to survive from the Victorian era in Solomons. Set on a brick foundation, it is a two-story framed and weatherboarded structure with a wood-shingled steep pyramidal roof. It is square in plan and has a brick chimney located at its center. Asymmetrical architectural elements include a half-round stair bay set onto the north side of the house, a second-story bowed window sheltered by a front-facing gable that is embellished with sawn and turned woodwork and -- most prominently -- a cylindrical southwest corner tower with a conical wood-shingled roof. The west and south sides of the house are sheltered by a one-story hipped-roof porch supported on Doric columns with rails and balusters between them. The front center of the porch is emphasized by a front-facing gable. A wooden picket fence encompasses the lot.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1902 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house was built in 1902 for Captain Philip T. Vail, a native of Oyster Bay on Long Island in New York. Vail was a successful pound net fisherman on the Patuxent River.

From Solomons by Foot, Bicycle, or Boat.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone			Easting			Northing			

B 

Zone			Easting			Northing			

C 

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D 

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E 

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F 

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G 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Camille Wellsorganization MHT/Calvert Dept. of Planning date 9/30/86street & number Courthouse Annex, Main Street telephone (301) 535-2348city or town Prince Frederick state Maryland 20678

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

John R. Lankford House  
AND/OR COMMON**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Solomons Island Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Solomons Island

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

MarylandCalvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John R. Lankford

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

SAME

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Calvert County

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 765

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

Liber #: 110

Folio #: 150

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This elaborate two-story frame house in the late Queen Anne style faces west. The main body of the structure measures three bays wide across the facade. It is covered by a pyramid roof.

The facade exhibits numerous eclectic features. A hip-roofed porch includes a projecting pedimented entrance. Tapered columns punctuate a plain balustrade.

On the first floor, from left to right, appears a bay window, the main entrance, and a one over one window whose upper sash features a geometric stained-glass border. On the second floor is another bay window, offset to the right of the one below; and a short one over one window.

A flared-eaves gable roof covers the bay window. A pair of simple ogee-curved brackets supports either end of the eaves. A balustrade tops the flat-roofed bay window. A one over one window with a stained-glass upper sash lights the gable. A pendant decorates the gable, and curved barge boards form a Gothic arch.

A two-story curved bay window occupies the north side's western bay. It is capped by a conical roof and lit by six over six sash.

The southwest corner of the house curves to form a three-story tower. The porch curves to surround this tower. The tower is metal cone. One over one windows light the first two levels, and short one over one windows with stained-glass upper sash light the third floor.

A brick chimney emerges from the center of the main roof. Wood shingles cover all roof sections. Narrow novelty siding covers most wall surfaces. Scalloped shingles sheath the facade gable, the porch gable, the north side's bay window, and the third floor of the southern tower.

Supporting the porch, pierced brickwork fills the spaces between brick piers.

The house is set in grounds enhanced by mature trees and a picket fence.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fine dwelling is the most elaborate house on Solomon's Island. Although the Queen Anne style was popular in other areas in the state, few Calvert County houses exhibit this eclectic styling.

Further research is needed to reveal this building's history.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

March, 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

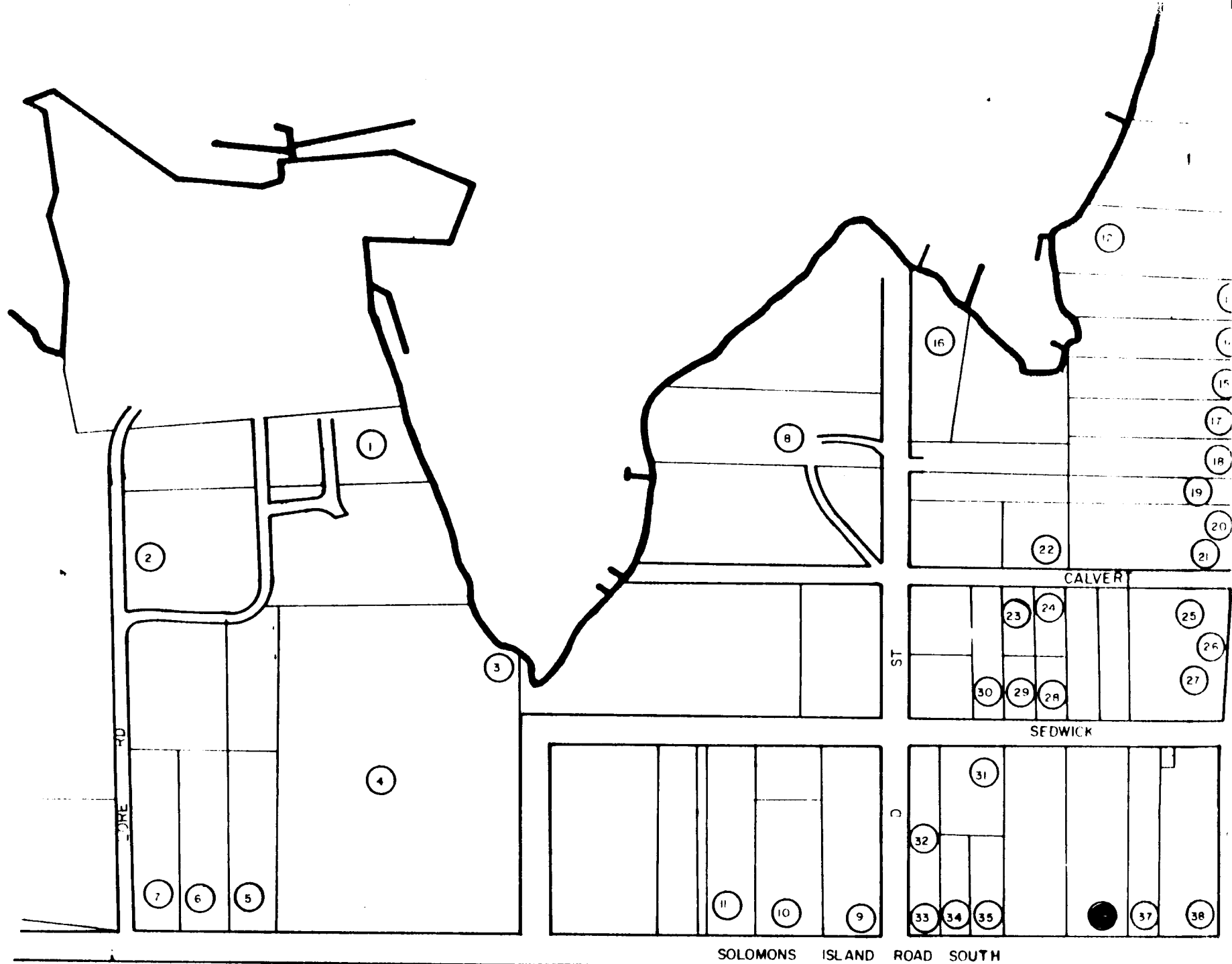
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MD

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 CALVERT COUNTY MAPS # 44, 46  
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Ct-735 Vail House  
Solomons Island Road  
Solomons

Camille Wells  
view from the west

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